

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim 18 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

4. (Original) A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 3.

5.-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a first component selected from the group consisting of physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants, and a second component consisting of a polynucleotide according to claim 18.

12.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A diagnostic kit comprising at least ~~one~~two oligonucleotide primers suitable for amplification of at least a portion of the isolated polynucleotide according to claim 18, or the complement thereof, in a polymerase chain reaction based assay~~oligonucleotide according to claim 8.~~

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 302; and
- (b) the sequence provided in SEQ ID NO: 303.